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SUBJECT: PUBLIC PROTESTS OF RABIN VISIT TO BERLIN

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1. WEST BERLIN PRESS JULY 14 PROMINENTLY FEATURES EASTERN PROTESTS OF RABIN VISIT TO BERLIN (REFTELS). PRESS CITIES NEUES DEUTSCHLAND PIECE OF JULY 11-12 (BEING REPORTED BY EMB BERLIN), WHICH IN TURN PICKED UP ON EARLIER PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA ARTICLES. IN GENERAL, OBSERVERS SEEM NONPLUSSED THAT EASTERN SIDE CHOSE TO MAKE RABIN VISIT INTO SUBJECT FOR PROTEST.

2. ON JULY 11 SENAT ISSUED STATEMENT REJECTING PRAVDA CRITICISM AND POINTING OUT RABIN VISIT, WHICH TOOK PLACE AT INVITATION OF FRG AND SENAT, WAS CLEARLY COMPATIBLE WITH QA. SENAT SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE

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USSR MUST GET USED TO FACT THAT SUCH VISITS WILL ALSO

TAKE PLACE IN FUTURE.

3. IN RIAS INTERVIEW JULY 13, SPD CHAIRMAN BRANDT, JUST BACK FROM USSR, ALSO CONDEMNED PRAVDA ARTICLE, NOTING THAT BERLIN EVEN NOW CONTAINS LARGEST JEWISH COMMUNITY IN GERMANY. BRANDT DESCRIBED PRAVDA'S ATTACK AS "MISGUIDED." ALTHOUGH JULY 14 DER SPIEGEL CITED PRAVDA PROTEST OF RABIN VISIT AS EVIDENCE THAT BRANDT WAS TOO OPTIMISTIC IN THINKING SOVIET ATTACKS ON BERLIN STATUS MISHT SOON END, BRANDT TOLD RIAS HE COULD WELL IMAGINE THAT CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN SCHMIDT AND GENSCHER WITH BREZHNEV AND GROMYKO AT HELSINKI COULD LEAD TO END OF DISPUTE ON FRG-USSR LEGAL AID, CULTURAL, AND SCIENTIFIC TECHNICAL EXCHANGE AGREEMENTS, ALL OF WHICH ARE STILL HUNG UP ON INCLUSION OF WSB. GEORGE

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